

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 11, 1964

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

On 5/8/64 the President's Commission furnished the Bureau with the transcript of testimony covering former SA John W. Fain, SA Robert L. Quigley and SA James P. Hosty, Jr. By and large, the testimony was accurate and to the point and effectively presented the nature of the Bureau's investigation and findings of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of the President. There is attached a reproduction of the testimony on which minor corrections have been noted in red pencil. There follows a listing of these corrections and other points which are noted concerning the testimony given.

Page 5931, line 2, 4th word should be "help" instead of "have."

Page 5932, line 4, the Bureau Form FD-302 is incorrectly referred to as an FB-302.

Page 5949, lines 9, 10, 11, the initials for the Soviet Security Service should be MVD, not NVD.

Page 5971, line 13, Ed Dalrymple should be Ed Dalrymple.

line 16 - It would appear that a phrase has been deleted by the stenographer following the statement "...he had had an inquiry concerning whether or not..." The phrase deleted probably should be to the effect whether or not Oswald was an informant of the Bureau.

Page 5980, line 13, the word "your" should be "you."

Page 5993, paragraph 3, line 5, the word "he" should be "I."

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Memo Branigan to ^L Sullivan
re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Page 6030, line 1, the word "School" is misspelled "schoole."

Page 6060, line 14, the word "Kaack" who is a former Special Agent, should be "Oswald."

Page 6063, lines 5 and 13, the name of SAC Shanklin is incorrectly spelled in three places as Schanklin.

Page 6069, line 11, the word "working" should be "waiting."

Page 6071, line 5, the word "car" is misspelled as "carr."

Pages 6071, 6072, 6073, ⁶⁰⁷⁴ 6075, 6076 and 6078 Lieutenant Revill is misspelled Ravill.

Page 6076, line 2, the word "reviewed" is misspelled "revieeed."

Page 6076, midway through the page begins a conversation between the Chairman and Mr. Rankin concerning testimony of Lieutenant Ravill. On Page 6077, first line, it is noted that Mr. Hosty stated "He was talked to in Dallas." Since Hosty was not competent to make this statement, it is probably a continuation of Rankin's statement and incorrectly attributed to Hosty.

Page 6083, line 3, the word "call" should be "calm."

Page 6090, penultimate line, the word "informed" should be "informant."

Page 6096-A, lines 16 and 23, Shanklin is misspelled Schanklin."

ACTION:

If you approve, the above will be discussed with a representative of the Commission so that these minor errors might be corrected if the Commission so desires.

ADDENDUM: I have looked this testimony over and it appears to me that Agents Hosty and Quigley did a good job, testifying clearly and concisely, and using good language. Former Agent Fain's testimony is acceptable, but his language leaves something to be desired, and he - 2 - is not as direct and decisive in his testimony.

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sat down in front of the desk ~~there~~, and Mr. Carter was sitting to my left. ~~We told him~~ ~~We~~ explained to him, we wanted to talk to him. I took the notes ~~and wrote them down~~, and ~~then~~ from my notes I dictated this, ^{which} ~~what~~ we call an ^{FD} ~~FD~~-302.

Mr. Stern. This is your memorandum and not Agent Carter's?

Mr. Fain. That is right. I was more familiar with the case. I took the notes and did the dictation.

Mr. Stern. And the dictation was when?

Mr. Fain. July 2, 1962; transcribed July 6, 1962.

Mr. Stern. These dates appear where?

Mr. Fain. The date of dictation is shown on the lower right-hand corner; date of interview at the left, and date of transcription or typing was on July 6, upper right-hand corner.

Mr. Stern. What was Lee Harvey Oswald's demeanor in the course of this interview?

Mr. Fain. He was tense, kind of drawn up, and rigid. He is ~~kind of a little, kind of~~ wiry little fellow, kind of waspy.

Mr. Stern. Did he answer all of your questions?

Mr. Fain. No, he didn't. As indicated there in the fourth paragraph, he was ~~a little bit, if you will pardon my saying so,~~ a little ^{insolent} ~~snooty~~ in his answers. He was the type of individual ^{who} ~~that~~ apparently doesn't want to give out information about himself, and we asked him ~~as to~~ why he had made this trip to Russia, and he looked like it got under his skin, and I noticed he got white around the lips and ~~kind of~~ tensed up, and I understood ~~it~~

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